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**DEAL FOR ARTICLE
DENIED BY DONOVAN**

James R. Donovan denied yesterday a report published in The New York Times that he had arranged with The Saturday Evening Post for an article on his role in negotiating the exchange of Francis Gary Powers and Col. Rudolf I. Abel.

"I have flatly declined to write anything for the Saturday Evening Post or any other magazine for the foreseeable future," the lawyer said.

The only revelations he will make for news media, he added, are in a television interview, already taped, with David Brinkley, the National Broadcasting Company commentator.

Mr. Donovan also denied the account of his final meeting in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, as reported in The Times. He acknowledged having had a "friendly meeting" with the embassy's second secretary, Ivan A. Shiskin. But he said it was "absolute nonsense" that the meeting had been marked by "smiling diplomats, frosted bottles of champagne, mountains

of caviar and blazing chandeliers," as reported.

Mr. Donovan, the court-appointed lawyer who defended Colonel Abel in his 1957 espionage trial, is credited with a major role in obtaining the release of Mr. Powers, the American U-2 pilot, in exchange for the Soviet spy.